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REDUCTION IN CUSTOMS DUTY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had reduced the customs duty on import of raw material for manufacture of underground cable;

(b) if so, whether Department of Telecommunications (DoT) did not take full advantages of the said reduction and made excess payment to the manufacturers/suppliers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and extent of loss suffered as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Government have enquired the matter;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government on the responsible officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government had reduced the customs duty on import of raw materials for manufacture of PIJF U/G Cables.

(b) The Department of Telecommunications had taken full advantages of reductions in customs duty during the last four years and didn`t make any excess payment to the manufacturers/suppliers.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

(e) Not applicable in view of (d) above.

(f) Not applicable in view of (e) above.